

The American Embassy's Public Affairs Section (PAS) is the first stop for anyone seeking information about U.S. Government programs and policy in Turkmenistan. The Public Affairs Section offers a variety of programs and services, including:

- Educational and professional exchange programs: Humphrey Fellowships, Fulbright Scholarships, and International Visitor Programs
- <u>Local Initiative Grants</u> to organizations and initiative groups for community development projects
- Information Resource Center (IRC), a library of CD-ROMs, online databases, publications, tapes and DVDs, providing resources on the United States. Provides Internet access via 9 terminals; 5 learning stations. Resources are available for free.
- Speaker/specialist programs
- Embassy Internet website with news and information in English, Turkmen, and Russian. The site contains application forms for exchange programs to the USA, grants programs, and employment opportunities (address below).

- <u>Seminars and workshops</u> A wide range of workshops and presentations: Internet, American Culture, English, and more
- <u>Publications</u> such as the *Echo of America* cultural magazine and the Embassy's quarterly newsletter *U.S. Mission in Turkmenistan*.
- Exchange program alumni activities, including Alumni Small Grant and Travel Grant programs, Aluminium Boom newsletter, and Alumni Labor Exchange website (address below)
- <u>Current Magazines Stand</u> featuring 20 plus titles, past issues available for use in your activities
- Book donation programs: PAS regularly donates English language and American Studies resources to local groups. Please contact us for more information.
- And much more!

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manages the Public Affairs Section and coordinates the programs and activities of PAS with partner organizations such as USAID, ACCELS and IREX.

IRC Assistant manages the Information Resource Center, and masters Embassy website, provides news and information on U.S. and global issues, distributes news, and conducts seminars.

Cultural Affairs Officer

manages cultural and educational programs, such as speaker programs and English language programs, and coordinates exchange programs and alumni activities.

Media Assistant provides media support to U.S. Government programs in Turkmenistan, organizes press conferences, drafts press releases, the monthly newsletter, U.S. Mission in Turkmenistan.

Public Affairs Specialist

facilitates exchange and academic programs such as Fulbright, Humphrey and International Visitors, and assists with overall PD programs.

Grants Program Coordinator

manages Local Initiative Small Grants Program, providing grants to organizations and initiative groups for community development projects.

Cultural Affairs Assistant

assists with cultural and educational projects and speaker/specialist programs; develops *Echo of America*; manages sale of EFL materials and English Microscholarship ACCESS.

Alumni Coordinator

coordinates activities by and for alumni of all exchange programs, manages alumni grants, publishes Aluminium Boom, and manages Alumni Labor Exchange.

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